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INTERIM COMMITTEE BILL

Health Care Task Force

SHORT TITLE: "Screening Brief Intervention Referral"

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF SERVICES THROUGH THE MEDICAID
102 PROGRAM THAT ARE RELATED TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted.)

Health Care Task Force. Adds to the list of optional services provided to medicaid recipients screening, brief intervention, and referral to treatment for alcohol and other substance abuse services.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

1 **SECTION 1.** 25.5-5-202 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
2 amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW PARAGRAPH to read:

3 **25.5-5-202. Basic services for the categorically needy - optional**
4 **services - repeal.** (1) Subject to the provisions of subsection (2) of this
5 section, the following are services for which federal financial
6 participation is available and which Colorado has selected to provide as
7 optional services under the medical assistance program:

8 (u) (I) SCREENING, BRIEF INTERVENTION, AND REFERRAL TO
9 TREATMENT FOR INDIVIDUALS AT RISK OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE, INCLUDING
10 REFERRAL TO THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF INTERVENTION AND
11 TREATMENT.

12 (II) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF
13 THIS PARAGRAPH (u), SERVICES RELATING TO SCREENING, BRIEF
14 INTERVENTION, AND REFERRAL TO TREATMENT SHALL NOT TAKE EFFECT
15 UNLESS ALL NECESSARY APPROVALS UNDER FEDERAL LAW AND
16 REGULATION HAVE BEEN OBTAINED TO RECEIVE FEDERAL FINANCIAL
17 PARTICIPATION FOR THE COSTS OF SUCH SERVICES.

18 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
19 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
20 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety. <{Does the
21 Committee prefer a safety clause or the 90-day conditional effective
22 date clause?}>